

KENT STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, 30 July 2019 @ 6:30pm

A meeting was held on 30 July 2019 @ 6:30pm at Town Hall. Those **Present** on the Committee were: John Johnson, Mike Gawel, Elyse Sadtler and Wes Wyrick. **Guests** included: Don Cramer and Rick Osborne. The meeting was called to order @ 6:30 by John. The following actions were taken:

- A motion to approve Meeting Minutes of 16 July 2019 was made by Mike, seconded by Elyse, and voted to approve, 4 to 0
- John read a memo from Lara Kaplan Hanson into the record and attached herewith.
- Abigail submitted a letter of resignation and is no longer a member of the Committee.
- A motion was made by Alyse, seconded by Mike to elect Wes as Secretary to replace Abigail. Wes accepted and the motion was carried 4 to 0.
- A motion to put forward Jack Nelson and Alissa Potts as candidates to replace Abigail was made by Wes and seconded by Mike and voted to approve 4 to 0. Names will be given to the BOS for consideration.
- Wes presented preliminary cross sections through sidewalks for review and to start the "ball rolling". Further discussions will be made at subsequent meetings.
- Discussions of Project Timeline will be a topic of conversation at the next BOS meeting on 8/6 at 4:30.
- Next meeting date to be 6 August 2019 at 6:30pm at Town Hall
- Wes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John at 8:00pm, carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted in draft by Wes, new Secretary, this 31th day of July 2019

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BY *D. Brady*
TOWN CLERK

From: **Lara Kaplan Hanson** lara.hanson@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Kent Sidewalks
Date: July 6, 2019 at 1:35 PM
To: skpower154@charter.net, landuseclerk@townofkentct.org



Attention John Johnson

Forwarding email as the one from town clerk didn't go through. Trying to share some thoughts for the sidewalk project. Please let me know how best to follow up.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lara Kaplan Hanson** <lara.hanson@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 5, 2019 at 2:29 PM
Subject: Re: Kent Sidewalks
To: <john.adele@charter.net>,

Hi John,

Happy Independence Day weekend. I am a Kent resident with a newborn and 2 year old, and I was told by the town to contact you to submit a couple of ideas for the sidewalks that I feel would be useful from a parent perspective.

1. CAR ENTRANCES TO PARKING AREAS: Closing off car entrances on route 7 by Pharmacy, Kent Wine, Kingsley and Giffords would make the town much safer for children and walkable for pedestrians without having to always worry about cars turning in and pulling out. There are plenty of entrances to the back parking lots and tons of space for people to park and offer a more engaging walking experience through town.
2. 4 WAY STOP - The 4 way stop at the center of 341/7 is very confusing for people pushing strollers, dangerous for people walking with toddlers, and generally for people trying to navigate from Kent Park to town or from KCS to town. Updated signage to indicate walking paths would be great.
3. BENCHES ON KENT GREEN - It would be great if one of the benches on Kent Green could be turned to the statues. Right now there are 3 that all face the street and cars parked on the street, and there is no where for Mom's to set while our children play on the green.

Thank you for the time and letting me share some thoughts. If you want any further explanation I am happy to provide.

Happy Independence Weekend!

Lara

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